



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Reasons for Believing That There Is a Heaven

I. H. Marks

"I go to prepare a place for you."—John 13:2.

1. Because the human soul has always longed for such a place. Paul said, 2 Cor. 5:8, "We are willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." He also said in Phil. 1:23 that he had a desire to depart and be with the Lord.

1 Pet. 1:4, "An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Heb. 13:14. "For we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

There is a story told of an old heathen named Cleombrotus, who read the great arguments of Plato about heaven and went and threw himself down from a precipice that he might die and enter into that blessed life.

2. Because the soul has always felt there was such a place. When the soul gets tired of philosophy and argument it can just turn back and commune with itself and deep within itself it hears a voice as gentle and as unmistakable as an evening zephyr which says it must be so. That is the instinct of heaven that God planted in every soul. Like the little boy flying the kite, though it was out of sight, when some one asked him how he knew it was there his answer was, "I

know it is there for I feel the pull and tug of it." I know there is a heaven. I feel the pull and tug of it in the soul.

3. Because the human soul needs just such a place. The best developments of this life are only fragmentary and the soul needs another life in order to go on to perfection. Sir Isaac Newton had a mind that could master the profoundest truths as easily as the average man could master A B C's. One day some one complimented him on his vast learning, and don't you remember his humble reply? He said, "I seem to be only a child, picking up a few pebbles on the shore while the great ocean of truth stretches unexplored before me." Think of the mysteries that are yet to be unravelled and the riddles yet to be solved and then a great many never have a chance to develop. Their intellect has been hampered by diseased bodies. Some of them have been what Tennyson calls "forbidden builders," dying almost before they got started. Keats died when he was only twenty-two years of age and Raphael, the unrivalled artist, at thirty-seven years. Others have been denied the opportunity by the force of circumstances. What chance has a child who grows up in a home of sin? He knows nothing but sin in all its blighting influence. Their senses

are dulled from their earliest recollection by its awful blight. The soul needs heaven and heaven alone can finish out what life must leave unfinished here.

4. Because justice demands a place like heaven. Things are not fixed up right down here. God had them fixed just right in the first place, but man, like the fool he has always been, mixed himself in and upset the whole thing. The whole business is out of balance and if all the heaven a man gets, and all the hell a man gets is what he gets right here on this earth (as some of these sordid-minded, sin-loving, moral perverts claim), I'd like to know where justice comes in.

Nero and Borgia and other tyrants have sat on thrones while godly saints have been sent to the dungeon, the scaffold and the flames. If there is no heaven, what recompense did Paul have for the stones and stripes that stung him well nigh to death and for the ax that chopped off his head? or Savanorola for the flames that licked up his blood on the square of San Marco close by the palace and the church? Is it justice that Savanorola and Wycliffe and Huss should die the martyr's death and not receive the martyr's reward? Is it justice that Nero and Diocletian should throw Christians to

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Notices

To the ministers and workers in the eastern part of Virginia: Be it known unto you that the Monroe district camp meeting will convene at the Mt. Hermon Church of God Sept. 1-12, thirty-four miles from Monroe on Highway 60 between Amherst and Richmond on Route 2, Gladstone, Va. This will be the second camp meeting for this place. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting there last year and we are looking for a far better time this year, for it is better advertised. We hope to have the district tent ready for this meeting. We have almost enough now for the down payment on the tent and just as soon as we get this together we will get the tent and it will be used for this meeting. After this it will be used for the Monroe district. This will give us three tents in the state and we feel sure this will help get the gospel into more new fields.

Any tentmaker who reads this if you wish you make us a price on a 40x60 tent. Come on, workers, and let's make this a great time in the Lord. All ministers and workers will be fed free; just bring your bedding, they have good camps. Please remember that free meals are only to those who are workers. Please don't come to visit and expect to be taken care of. Brother G. C. Smith, state evangelist, will be in charge. Come on, ministers, and do your part. For information, write Brother W. T. Stowe, Rt. 2, Gladstone, Va.—Thy humble brother, J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia.

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We will have a district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention at Fosters Chapel, Oneonta, Ala., Rt. 4, the second Sunday in August. Brother L. W. Ledbetter, pastor, invites everyone. We will have lots of good music. Brother A. L. Burroughs, district pastor, will be with us.—Yours in Christ, Edith Baird, Y. P. E. Supt.; Lottie Baird, Sunday School Supt. of Alabama.

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There will be a home coming at Mt. Vale Church of God Aug. 29, 1937. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket.—G. W. Devotie, pastor; Viola Kimbrough, clerk, Jefferson City, Tenn.

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The Washington, N. C. camp meeting of North Carolina will convene in the eastern part of the state where the true gospel is needed much. We have only a few saints in this section. About thirty members of the camp meeting promised to pay one dollar each for the purpose of building and financing the meeting. Please everyone, be loyal now. Others

join and help us. We need your prayers, co-operation and help in every way to make it a meeting of interest and to be enticing. Please send your dollar or bring it to the camp meeting. The Lord blesses here and heals, the sick and suffering have been greatly blessed. We have a pretty, shady camp ground; camps are furnished free but the visitors are supposed to furnish their own bedding. Lunch will be furnished at a reasonable price on the ground. All preachers, musicians, altar workers and singers, please come and help us this year and see what we can do for the Lord in this needy country. Please have a special prayer for this meeting.—One of the camp meeting committee, T. L. Little, R. F. D. 3, Washington, N. C.

MISSION BOARD MEETING September 20-22, Inc.

COUNCIL OF TWELVE MEETING September 23-October 3, Inc.

BISHOPS' COUNCIL October 5-12, Inc.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY October 8-14, Inc.

NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING LAKE CITY, FLA.

The North Florida camp meeting will convene Aug. 12-22, under the new tabernacle which is located about ten blocks east of town, one block off Jacksonville highway. The large tabernacle will have a seating capacity of about 100. We are looking forward for the greatest camp meeting we have ever had in this part of the state.

The entertainment will endeavor to make arrangements to accommodate every one who will come. There will be a restaurant on the grounds and free camping space for those who have their camping equipment such as tents, etc. If you wish to rent a cottage there is a nice tourist camp near the camp ground. The cottages are furnished with the exception of dishes, cooking utensils, and bed linens. A number of residents will have rooms to let at very reasonable rates. For further information you may write Brother C. E. Godwin, pastor of the Church of God, Lake City, Fla.

We are expecting some of the best preachers in the movement to assist with the preaching, possibly there will be some visiting ministers from other states. Brother R. P. Johnson will probably be

with us. The camp meeting will be especially favored with good, old-time gospel singing. A number of the Bible students will expect to attend and some of these will expect to have quartets and duets. I am hereby asking that all the ministers in the state please co-operate in helping us to make this camp meeting a great success. We especially request that the ministers in the northern part of the state close their revivals during the camp meeting. We extend a hearty invitation to the people of the other states to come and be with us.

The Lord has blessed in these meetings in times past and we hope and pray that He will make this a great soul-saving time. If you need salvation, sanctification, the Holy Ghost or your body healed you will do well to attend. There will be a goodly number of faithful prayer warriors to help you pray through.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Adamsville, Ala., Sunday, August 29, 1937. The public is invited to come and bring dinner. Every member is urged to be present. Please pray that this will be a glorious occasion. Our revival will follow this. Pray for the saving of the lost here.—Humbly, W. E. Hodo, Adamsville, Ala.

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We are in a meeting at Old Stonefield church, one of the oldest Churches of God in Mississippi. The Lord is blessing. Twenty were in the altar last night, twelve have received the Holy Ghost, a number have been saved and the end is not yet. Pray for the meeting.—Your brother, Wm. R. Fowler, Cascilla, Miss.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of Oklahoma: Please send your reports to me at Anadarko, Okla. — Wiley E. Wright, state superintendent.

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CORRECTION: In the July 17 issue of the Evangel we had a report of a revival from Mattie B. Rich, Clayton, Ga. in which we stated that Sister Lindsey was holding the revival. This should have been Sister Lander of LaFayette, Ga. We are sorry of this mistake and are glad to make correction.

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The Florida Bible School will close Friday night, August 6. A very interesting program is expected, consisting of songs, music, plays, etc. A short time will be spent in class which will give one some idea of the regular school work. Everybody is invited.—Zeno C. Tharp.

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To whom it may concern: W. A. Cox is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—S. J. Wood, state overseer of Oklahoma.

Fasting and Prayer Brought Results

PRICHARD, Ala. — Dear Evangel readers, I thank God for our pastor, Brother Dowdy, and the Church of God at Prichard, Ala. Brother W. Dowdy took our church to pastor about three weeks ago. The church was dead but praise God he and some of the members began to fast and pray for a revival and God has answered prayers.

We have a wonderful revival on now with Brothers William Dowdy and Ernest Wilson in charge. They just let the Holy Ghost take charge and the Lord is surely blessing. There have been nine saved, seven sanctified and five filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Oh, how I thank God for it.

Brother Dowdy has organized a Y. P. E. since being here. The young people are working to raise money to help build a church as we have our lot bought and paid for. Thank God for our young people. We thank God for our state overseer, Brother Dunn. He visited our church and encouraged us so much.

We ask every child of God to pray for us and the church here as it is rising and shining for God.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Elsie Grant, 163 Wilson Ave.

All Honor, Glory and Praise to Jesus

SEBASTIAN, Fla.—I am glad to testify of the great power of God to heal. Praise God forever. I had pellagra for six years. It grew worse all the time until I could not eat or drink anything without it seemed I would die. My family believed I was going to die. I did not care for I was ready if the Lord was through with me. But thank God, He wasn't for He called me into the ministry but I did not obey Him as I should have. The devil said, "You can't preach, you are a poor, ignorant woman."

That dreadful disease grew worse all the time. My husband came in and said, "I will go and get medicine from the doctor and you have got to take it." I told him I did not need any medicine. He visited the doctor but came back without the medicine. I said, "I'm trusting God for the healing of my body, for it is beyond medical aid." After loved ones and friends do all they can, then will Jesus pick us up and heal us, soul and body. Bless His dear name. All honor and glory and praise to His name. It pays to trust Jesus for everything.

On June 20 two brothers came to pray for me. We knelt in prayer and the Lord said, Why pray for healing, you are healed. I got up and began to examine myself and I couldn't find a thing wrong.

I got up and ate a fried egg and went to church. After we came home I drank anything I wanted and ate anything I wanted without any evil effect.—A sister in Christ, Lena Thompson.

Thank God for Our Church

WALHALLA, S. C.—We truly thank the Lord for the church here and for our pastor, Brother Johnnie Watkins. Brother Watkins has such splendid pastoral ability that we feel our church is on the upward move. He surely is a consecrated servant and an efficient pastor. He has a kind word for everyone and under his humble, yet capable overseeing, our church is gradually improving in every way.

Since Brother Watkins has become our pastor he has organized a Y. P. E. with quite a number of members. Recently the sinner boys and girls have begun to take part in the programs. We feel that by the help of the Lord and with prayer much good will be accomplished. Our pastor has also been instrumental in our getting a nice piano for the church. We surely thank the Lord for this man. We also wish to say a few words about our Sunday School. The superintendent, Brother Willis Addis, has boosted the Sunday School with such enthusiasm that interest is picking up and we have a goodly number each Sunday. We sincerely desire the prayers of the saints everywhere.—S. L. Henson.

Appreciates the Evangel

SENECA, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed at the Church of God here at Seneca. Brother J. A. Hanvey was in charge. Fifteen were saved, three sanctified and one added to the church.

Dear people, you who take the Evangel, don't burn them, for you can give them to some one and it will help him and help you, too. You will say, How will it help me? Well, if you can't preach, give them the Evangel. They will begin to read and God will open their eyes to the truth and bless them and you can thank God for helping you to help others. That is what started me taking the Evangel, and now it seems that it doesn't come often enough. I want to see where somebody has prayed through.

Praise God for healing our bodies when doctors and everybody have given up. God healed me. Praise God for saving me from hell and sanctifying me wholly and filling me with the Holy Ghost and I am in the Church of God.

Pray for my wife that God will save her.—Your brother in Christ, Fred Webb, 11 James St.

No person's Christian experience can be more substantial than his faith. If he has strong faith he will have a strong experience, and if he has great faith he will have a great experience. Our experiences will be as our faith makes them.

Where Have You Planned To Spend Your Vacation?

REMEMBER OUR 32D ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
CONVENES OCT. 8-14

As the vacation season is on and many are planning their outings and rest, we would like to give all a cordial invitation to spend their time of recreation with us in our annual feast. If it is not possible for you to take more than one vacation a year, plan ahead and make preparations to be at the Assembly. Remember that Chattanooga is an old historical town and has some of the most beautiful mountain scenery that can be found anywhere. Also here is the old battle ground of the wars of the sixties. You will find the people hospitable and kind and they will take great pleasure in making your visit both pleasant and profitable. We are sure that you could spend your vacation in no better way than visiting this great Assembly in Chattanooga, Tenn., October 8-14.—Houston R. Moorehead, Assembly Advertising Manager.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We are sorry to announce to our people that we are out of Sunday School literature. We are sorry that this has happened. We increased the number of quarterlies and cards but the orders have been extra heavy. We will increase our supply next quarter, please remember that we will be able to supply you.

A REMINDER

We are sending out statements for the quarter and we certainly would appreciate it if those who are indebted to the Publishing House would send in their remittance promptly. We have quite a large amount of accounts and are putting forth every effort to collect these bills before the Assembly. In all probability there will be some move next Assembly to collect or close out these credit accounts, as they are increasing every year, and it would be to your credit to put forth a special effort and clear your account, because of the embarrassment it would be to be on the delinquent list.

THE ASSEMBLY

It is practically two months until the next great Assembly. The year has passed by so quickly. We are looking forward for God to be with us in a special way and you ought to come to this Assembly. Please do not get the dates mixed with the Tomlinson Church of God Assembly. The date of our Assembly is October 8-14. We are expecting you to be there, and especially do we insist that every bishop of the Church be present. We are in the last days when the enemy of all righteousness is working and every lover of the truth should earnestly pray that God's will may be done. That is all we want. If we could only know His will we would be glad to say amen to it, and the only way we can know it is by reading the Word and prayer. Let's be earnestly

engaged in prayer for the victory of this great Assembly.

THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT

"The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with brightness of his coming." 2 Thess. 2:7, 8.

As time passes we can see the spirit of Paul's man of sin on every hand. Think of the awful bloody war across the sea. It seems that the nations have chosen Spain for a battle ground and the Antichrist forces are fighting one against the other. One denies the existence of God, the other has a milder form and allows religious worship but it must be done according to the dictator of their country and is so foreign to the Spirit and power of God until we are sure that the same spirit of Antichrist is actuating both sides. We are sure that the Fascist side will finally win and that means to worship God you must conform to the rules laid down by the government, which, I am sure, would be foreign to the Spirit and power that now worketh in the children of obedience.

Think of the unreasonable things that are happening, the thousands of Christians that have been killed in the different countries for their religion. It is enough to make us cover our faces and cry to the God of the skies. It seems that all these unholy and unreasonable things completely baffle the forces of religion today. It is a mystery to all nations, of uncontrollable brutality. It is sweeping the land. America, no doubt, will be the last nation to be swept into this cesspool of murder and unholy practices. It is only a sign of the soon-coming of Jesus, and those who are ready to meet Him will be taken out of this awful confusion and conflict. There is no time for biting and devouring one another. May God help us to realize that we will need all of our

strength and force to stand against the awful spirit of Antichrist that is sweeping the world today.

Paul's man of sin spoken of in the text, in my judgment, has not come on the scene but all these dictators and haters of truth are the forerunners of the Antichrist and it will be an easy matter when he comes, to get the co-operation of every nation because they will have one man to represent them and this man of sin will be so deceptive until he will make them believe he can settle all of their troubles and bring peace and harmony in the world.

Dan. 8:23-25, "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

This is the first thing this man of sin will do—restore the broken down condition in the manufacturing interest and set up a rule that will bring prosperity back to the country, and if there ever has been a time when this is needed it is now, but those who are deceived by this man of sin will finally have to pay the awful price for their deception and co-operation.

Dan. 11:36, "And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done."

This man will deceive all of his subjects and after he has made a league with the Jews for seven years he will break that covenant in the midst of that week and will cause the overspreading of abominations spoken of. Then he will demand that the people worship him instead of God. And it is in the midst of this week that all the tribulation saints will be called in question and finally all be killed except the 144,000 spoken of in Rev. 7:4-8. Now we are sure that the rapture will take place before all this overspreading of abomination and destruction takes place. This man of sin will deceive the very elect if possible and Rev. 13:11-18 describes some of the power that this man of sin will wield and especially does he use the false prophet that comes on the scene to aid him. But there is a better way provided by the

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Obituaries

LEWIS

Dorothy Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Albert and Lucille Lewis, died July 22, 1937 at the age of thirteen months and twelve days. Pray for her bereaved family. May God help us to live so we can see her again.—Her mother, Greenville, N. C.

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FILLERS

Brother Thomas F. Fillers of Greeneville, Tenn. passed to his reward. Brother Fillers was a good Holy Ghost man and we miss him very much. The funeral was conducted at Mt. Olive by our pastor, Brother Albert Teaster, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.—Alice Craven, clerk, 303 N. Irish St., Greeneville, Tenn.

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McINTOSH

On July 1, 1937 the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim our precious baby boy, Eddie Limuel, who was born Oct. 21, 1936. Funeral service was conducted by Thomas W. Godwin and interment made in Bufford Grove cemetery.—Brother and Sister O. L. McIntosh.

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SETTLES

Clay Settles departed this life July 15, 1937 at the age of forty-seven years. He was one of the victims of the terrible mine disaster of the Baker mine in Indiana. He was a member of the Church of God at Shelburn. Funeral service was conducted by the writer at the Shelburn church.—One who loved him, C. H. Standifer, pastor, Shelburn, Ind.

Healed of Blood Poison

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—Dear ones in the faith, greetings in Jesus' great name. I am praising God for His love to me, for looking down into my heart and seeing the need of a Savior and blessing me as He did. I thank Him today for His great love to men to keep us by the blood of Jesus free from sin and to heal our bodies when in pain.

A few weeks ago my little six-year-old daughter was playing with some other children in the backyard when all of a sudden I heard her screaming. I ran to her aid and found her hung in the frame of an old car. While in her fury of being scared she skinned her leg on an old rusty tin where the limb was hung and bruised it.

For a week no attention was given to this until on Monday morning when she was called to breakfast she could scarce-

ly walk at all but she got in a car and rode to the store with her father. While out there she took a hard chill and turned blue spotted all over. He brought her home at once and said, "Fix the bed, this child is very sick." We got her to bed and got her slightly warm and began to pray for her. Another sister was here and we began calling on God. She got a little easy but in a few minutes she began screaming and crying and saying her head was hurting so badly and her jaws or mouth she called it. Oh, we would call on God. We looked at her leg and red streaks were running up and down it from this skinned place. It looked so bad. We knew blood poison had set in and lockjaw was taking hold on her. Something must be done. A voice from heaven seemed to say, "Just give me a chance." We called some folks in and prayed again.

For one week this was kept up. The child lay in bed most of the time with her little trust in God. We held on to God day and night in prayer for her healing. On Saturday she was so bad and I had an appointment to go to preach about twenty miles away. I began to think about what I was going to do. A voice would say, "I'll fix it for you." I had a few tithes on hand. I got them ready, wrote a notice to the Evangel for prayer for her, sealed up my envelope and started it on the mail. I then began to make ready to fill my appointment.

Before lunch, while kneeling in prayer, God stepped on the scene and gave victory. I told God, "I have paid my tithes, I have called for the elders." In the meantime I had sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief to anoint for her. I said, "I am trusting you, God, since I'm living for you." Just then victory came through the blood. Praise God. I knew He was going to heal. My husband, son and I would rejoice, the little child would cry and then laugh. I said, "You are going to be healed."

We started on our journey. People would say, "That is a very bad sore leg." One man said, "I would take that child and have lockjaw shots given her." I said, "We just had them given her at noon from God," and went on trusting God, knowing then He was going to heal her. The Lord blessed the service, gave us a good time. We brought the child back home. The next morning she got up, walked into the kitchen and sat down and the sore ran at least a half teacup. It got all right shortly with no medical aid. Oh that's what God will do when we trust Him. Praise His name.

The handkerchief came back. Another little girl had an abscessed eye. We told the mother to bring the child and she did. We laid the cloth on in Jesus' name and in less than an hour she was re-

lieved, the place burst and ran. Thank God for His grace.

Pray for me to stay humble at His feet each day. Living the life and practicing the Bible will bring the blessing of God.—Your sister, Mrs. B. H. Clark, evangelist, Rt. 5.

Work Opened Among Spanish People

EDINBURG, Tex.—We are glad to sound a note of praise to our Lord from the lower Rio Grand Valley of Texas. We saw the need of a Spanish church here so much as there were so many Spanish people. We could not speak a word of their language but we kept praying, so last Saturday night we set a church in order at Alamo with twenty members, four of whom were preachers. One had been preaching fourteen years. There are more to line up yet. They came from the Assemblies, said they liked the Church of God because it had power in it. They went right into a revival Sunday night, so please pray for them as there is a chance for a fine work here among the Spanish folk.

Everything is moving along nicely at Edinburg among the American people. We just closed a revival with several conversions. We don't have an evil report to bring but everything is well with us. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family.—Sincerely, W. W. Smethers, district overseer, Rio Grand Valley district.

Working in Canada

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—Dear Evangel readers: Joel and I are now in Summerside, P. E. I. in a battle. We have a large building rented and are preaching the gospel in a place where it had never been preached before until Brother Glenn and Brother and Sister Lester Hawks came here a few weeks ago. This is as hard a place as I have ever seen in all my years of ministering. No one responds any way with interest to finance us or with interest about the soul or anything. The devil thinks he can starve us and we will go but we are sticking, we came to do God's will at any cost. I am standing on the Word which said it would not return to him void. We are trusting God, sleeping on benches, eating what God gives. Sometimes we get a few big pennies in the offering and have \$20.00 rent to meet.

Brother Littlefield has a new work open in Charlottetown. Please remember to pray for the work in Prince Edward Island, Canada that God will give us a harvesting of souls.—Your unworthy servants, Florida Brown and son, Joel, General Delivery.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

THE WORK IN GERMANY

To the Mission Board of the Church of God:

Dear Brother Tharp:

First of all I want to thank you for the check I received of May 12 of \$45.00. In the meantime you may have received news from dear Brother Ingram and his visit and help he was to us in Germany. We all certainly were more than glad that our dear Lord put us on his heart to go over Germany and spend some time with us and we all have been greatly helped and strengthened. We had meeting every night and the Father, Son and Holy Ghost were surely with us. Brother Ingram confirmed the truth we have been preaching and it was a blessing to the Church, which is in heart established here but for several reasons yet not organized.

During the time Brother Ingram was here, we had a baptizing service and buried nine in the watery grave, it was on June 10 at 9:00 p. m. The dear saints who were with us and I will never forget this sacred time.

We found in the nice, quiet river a big level rock and on this rock we baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah, praise His blessed name! We also called this God-given place the "Church of God baptizing ground." Heaven was smiling down on us and left us with great joy in our hearts. There is a number who are following the Lord in this soon.

We thank the Lord for what we could do but would like to have done more, the foundation is laid and will stand till Jesus comes. Our folks are now seeking for the Holy Ghost.

You may know by now what is hindering here most and that we are not wanted. We are looking to the One who has called us, who has been undoubtedly with us till this very hour. He shall make a way and the mountain is plain. How long we are to stay here, I don't know, yet I feel our work is not done, also realize the consequences which may follow. We request a special prayer that the power of the Antichrist will be broken and God will give us an old-time Holy Ghost outpouring. O Lord of the harvest, help us over here.

By faith I see other doors opening. Men of leadership are coming to our services and God is working. Pray, pray, we ask again. We also have a regular Sunday School and God is blessing. If we just had the liberty to reach out!

For any advice you may give us, we

are thankful and remain yours faithful for the great Church of God.—Brother and Sister Lauster.

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A LETTER FROM CHINA

Bethany Mission,
Shantung, China,

The Church of God Evangel:

Beloved co-workers, have you heard this commission of the Master to His disciples—"Go ye"? Let me tell you, there is a great harvest field out here. We are in the very midst of it hard at work, calling to you, "Where hast thou gleaned today?" Come, help us, we are on our face before God in prayer. We went to a place, oh the darkness, the fear that did grip the people, for many had died of smallpox and diphtheria. The cry was, "Call the heavenly people, burn paper and sweet wood, try and please the gods." Out in the streets people with smallpox made their way to the temple. The man that was with me seemed to show fear at the sight of the sick so I told him to go outside the gate with our food and pray. As for me, it was a chance to fight, be it life or death. The Lord helped me win the battle right in the midst of heathenism and the devil's own ground, with powers of darkness and hell so arrayed against me.

The day was hot, the road very dusty, as I did stand to sing at the east gate. I said, "Come to the Savior, make no delay," walking along the streets, and as the people did look many did follow. Three times did I tell them of Jesus and point out the wrong way of their service. God has been calling for a long time. Listen! 2 Peter 3:9. I dealt with repentance but not one would dare to make a move, at last I said, "It is time to clean the house, take out all things that you call gods and let's burn them, such would bring joy to the heart of the living God." One man asked me if I dared to take them out. My answer was, "Come friend, your home be first." In the same yard there are four homes. Three did let me clean the house and before I knew it their sixteen homes were all cleaned and in each a little New Testament was put on the table with prayer, telling them to read it all to God, be it good or bad, that is what we call prayer. Two days we did stay, and the report came to us that in the homes that did burn the idols not one did die, but the ones that did not lost many. The pleading is, "Return and tell us more of the God that is able, kind and

loving." What would you do? We hear the "Go ye."

Friend, the present situation in China calls for the children of God to pray, and the need is for saints who can prevail until enemies retreat, the forces of the devil scatter; the kind that can shed blood in prayer, and believe me, we could not duplicate the past, but God who has worked and now works can do more. Our prayer still is, Lord, use me, we are not seeking praise or pity, rest or comfort, but stand in our calling, and face the powers of hell to proclaim Christ our Lord and Master. Brethren, let's contend more and more for the fullness of the Spirit in our souls day by day. That alone will bring about the mighty joy of love for God and the poor lost heathen. I am very glad to report the increase in family worship, also the salvation of six souls in the last month. One was an answer to a long prayer of an old mother. This man gave much sadness to his home (drinking), but now he is full of joy and a real blessing. He was stricken like Saul of Tarsus, as he was cursing the ringing of the mission bell for prayer. He was led by the Spirit, but it was a hard battle before the old devil did leave him. It was all in answer to the mighty prevailing prayer of faith of his mother. What are we doing? What are our prayers? Can nothing more be done to save the purchase of the only Redeemer's blood? Co-workers, pray and prevail. Satan may have your friend, husband, wife, son or daughter, father or mother and will hold them until you pray and prevail. Pray for this our field. We are praying for you and thank you for all you have done for work of faith in the past. God will reward.

With much Christian love and greetings, Paul C. Pitt.

NOTICES

There is a meeting now going on at Parkersburg, W. Va. Church of God with Sister Alberta Wiggins doing the preaching. There will be a home coming Aug. 22. We invite all our neighboring churches to attend. Please pray for the revival and come, you are welcome.—S. B. McCane, pastor and district overseer, 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Barnardsville, N. C., August 29, 1937. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket. We are expecting to have special music and singing. Come everybody.—Clyde Atkins, pastor, Barnardsville, N. C.

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We are taking over the Assemblies of God Sunday School here. The entire body is joining the Church of God.—J. Andrew Rafferty, Beulah, N. Dak.

Requests

Dear saints, pray for me that I will be true and faithful. I need more overcoming power. I think sometimes I can't go any further. Pray that God will have His way in my life and please help me pray for my husband and four stepchildren that the Lord will put conviction upon their souls and save them before it is too late. I also have two sisters and one brother in sin and pray for two young girls and a boy. If anyone feels led to write me I would be glad to hear from you. Pray for my body. I am the only one saved in my family and I get so burdened for my family, sisters, brother and other souls I can hardly stand it. I appreciate every prayer that is prayed for me.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo, Ohio.

Dear saints, I have an unspoken request. Please pray for it, God knows all about it and can overthrow it. Pray that God will help me to close my eyes to it and look to God with perfect faith in Him.—A sister in Christ, Pearl Davis, Bromide, Okla.

Please pray a special prayer for my little girl as she is about to undergo an operation for spinal trouble. Pray that the Lord will undertake for her and heal her body.—Mrs. Bertha Colhert, 15 Circle St., Ware Shoals, S. C.

We are in a revival at Collins, Ill. The Lord is blessing. Please pray that the Lord will save the boys and girls, men and women of this town.—J. C. Farmer and Arthur Smiddy, 1220 Trendley Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

Please remember a dear friend of mine in prayer, Mrs. Mary Harper. She has a cancer and is very low. The doctor says there is no hope for her. Also remember me, I am a backslider. Pray that I will get back to the Lord before it is too late. Also pray for the Church of God here that it will be what the Lord wills.—Your friend, Mrs. Etna Presson, Norman, Okla.

Dear saints, I have a burden. I want everybody to please pray for me and my family. I have five children all unsaved and my husband is a backslider. I have a struggle trying to serve the Lord, so remember me in prayer.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Cora McCrasy, Gunter, Tex.

Dear saints, please pray for me as I am sick with my heart and nerves and need

prayer for my healing. Pray that God will heal my body if it is His will. I would be glad if anyone would send me an anointed cloth and encouraging letters.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Mae Wells, Archibald, La.

Dear saints, a revival is on here at Bethany Church of God. God is blessing and souls are praying through. Sister Addie Mooneyham is in charge. Pray for the revival. Bethany isn't dead as some said it was.—Nancy Palmertree, Poplar Creek, Miss.

Dear saints, please pray for my daughter, Mrs. Arnold, who is in bed sick. She is just home from the hospital. Also pray for my husband who has a growth on his bladder. Pray that they will have better health.—Yours truly, Mrs. J. A. B. Douglas, Jellico, Tenn.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I have been in bed six months with stomach trouble, also head trouble. I want you to also pray for my family that we will all be ready to meet the Lord when He comes or calls for us.—Mrs. Mattie Gann, Rt. 3, Cave Springs, Ga.

Saints everywhere, pray for me as I am going through a trial and I know God is able to carry me through because He is a friend who never leaves nor forsakes His own.—Your sister under the blood, Mary Lemaster, Snyder, Okla.

Please pray for my wife to be healed and saved. Also pray for some special friends of mine to be saved. They have requested prayer for their souls. Pray for my mother-in-law, Mrs. Durham, to be healed.—G. M. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

Pray for my baby who is two years old. He has whooping cough and bronchitis and has had colitis. He is very sick. If God doesn't undertake he can't be with us long, but I know God can heal if it's His will. Everyone please pray. Pray for my other three children who have the whooping cough.—Mrs. Eula Reno, Kimberly, Ala.

Please pray for me and my daughter. Old Satan is working hard seeking to devour our souls, telling falsehoods on us. We have tried to live right before the world. We need your prayers that we will obey God in all things.—Mrs. Emma Jones, Rt. 3, Cleveland, Tenn.

We started a revival in Verden, Okla., a new place. We are starting our church house in Anadarko, Okla. Pray that the

Lord will bless and give us a good church in both places.—Wiley E. Wright, Anadarko, Okla.

Please pray for me that the Lord will have His way in my life and that God in some way will remove the hindering cause and I will have the privilege of being with God's people and in His services. Please pray for my husband and children. Pray that my daughter, nineteen years old, will be saved. I want to get close to God so pray for my faith to be increased. I am not a member of the Church of God but I surely believe in it. Please pray that my husband will stop his drinking and become a true Christian, also pray that God will save my children.—Mrs. W. D. Hamick, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.

Dear readers, please pray for the revival at Vicksburg, Mo. church which began July 27. Brother Underwood of Cantwell is doing the preaching backed up by the good power of the Holy Ghost, D. V., assisted by Brother Maness, the pastor. Pray for me.—Mrs. Bertie Book, clerk.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I need your prayers. I am trusting the Lord. Please pray for me at once.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Willie Whitley, Oneonta, Ala.

Dear saints of God, I thank everyone of you who prayed for my father to be healed of high blood pressure. I have another burden on my heart, and ask those who know the value of prayer to please pray that God will save all the family, sanctify and give them the Holy Ghost and unite them again in love, happiness and prayer. Also continue to pray that God will deal with my husband and that I will overcome.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Holly Grove, Ark.

Please pray for a dear brother in Christ who is seeking the Holy Ghost. He also needs prayer for his body. Also pray for me.—Mrs. Mary Varnell, Comfort, W. Va.

Please pray for a sick girl here. The doctor says she has T. B. One said it was flu settled on her heart. Also pray for my husband that he will receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Ida Hopper, Nimrod, Tex.

Please pray at once for Sister Corine Walsh of Houston, Tex. who is seriously ill in several ways. Fast if you can. She is so worthy and is trusting the Lord.—Mrs. Mabel Davis, 1401 Prince St., Houston, Tex.

Reports

Y.P.E. and S. S. Convention

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention of the Church of God convened at Uniontown, Pa., June 12, at 7:30 p. m. with Sister Viola Roupe, local president, Brother Arthur Chase, district superintendent, and Sister Alva Mae McClure, state superintendent, in charge, assisted by the local leader, Sister Nona Dame, and district overseer, Brother R. F. Koshe-witz.

Service opened with songs and prayer. The welcome address by Sister Roupe was followed by the response by Brothers Arthur Savage, Floyd Black and Virgie Owens of Morganton, W. Va. An address to the young people was then given by Sister Koshe-witz followed by a talk by Sister Viola DeFino. Sister Florence Early then gave a poem followed by a sermon by Brother Brady Dennis. Sister McClure also gave a sermon to the Y. P. E.

Sunday morning, June 13, Sunday School opened at 9:45 with the local superintendent, Brother Harry Early, in charge. The lesson was taught from the stand by the district superintendent, Brother Arthur Chase. At eleven o'clock Sister McClure gave a message to the Sunday Schools. A good offering was then taken for the state park, followed by remarks by Brother Koshe-witz. After this we were dismissed for dinner.

The afternoon service opened with congregational singing, also special singing. Brother Jefferies brought a message followed by a talk on the orphanage by Sister Margaret Rowe, a talk on the Lighted Pathway by Brother Charles Roupe and Fern Thomas and the Evangel by Brother Burl Hoover. Brother Earl Roupe gave a talk on missions followed by an offering for same. Brother Hathcock brought the last message of the convention followed by remarks by the district overseer. We were blessed with special singing throughout the convention which was appreciated and enjoyed. The service closed with handshakes and good-byes.—Mrs. Nona Dame, 166 W. Berkley St., Uniontown, Pa.

S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention Enjoyed

The Maud, Okla. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was held in Shawnee, June 20, with Brother Wiley Wright, state superintendent, in charge. The morning was turned over to the Sunday School repasts. We are glad to say there were encouraging reports of

which Shawnee had the best. At noon a basket dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon service was in charge of the different Y. P. E's of the district. God blessed us and made us appreciate the young folks and the good work they are doing for Him and His cause. I believe I can say everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself as we always do at the Church of God in Shawnee where we get such a big-hearted welcome. We had some visiting ministers from other churches and enjoyed their talks very much.

We ask prayer for the work of the young people in Oklahoma that it may continue to grow.—Mae Woolwine, convention reporter.

District Y. P. E. Convention

The district Y. P. E. convention convened at the McVeigh Church of God, June 25-27. The Lord surely did bless; even before the first service began the saints were heard praising and glorifying God. A welcome address by our local Y. P. E. president, Brother Parkie Hurley, made everyone feel welcome. Sister Velva Wilson and Sister Cassie York, the latter from West Virginia, each responded and gave good talks and my, how the Lord did bless! Then Brother Cooper, our state Y. P. E. superintendent, brought a message.

The Lord was with us when we met Saturday morning for service. Brother J. H. Adair, Brother Cooper and Brother Lonnie Dean each said some very interesting things. We had special singing by the Dotson sisters which was enjoyed throughout the convention. The Y. P. E. of Delbarton, W. Va. put on a program Saturday night which everyone seemed to enjoy. Brother Parkie Hurley made a very encouraging talk. Brother Ewel Rice sang for us and how God did bless. The Holy Ghost took charge and an altar call was given. Three were saved, one reclaimed and one filled with the Holy Ghost.

The shouts and praises continued until almost midnight, but Sunday morning the good folks were back again and the Lord was in our midst. The leading feature of the day was the quoting of the Book of St. Mark by the McVeigh Y. P. E. Brother Cooper gave us some instructions and advice along the line of what we need to do. Closing remarks were made by Brother Pack and Brother Webb, pastor. This brought us to the handshakes and good-byes, leaving us much encouraged to press the battle on for God.

Brother Dean began a revival here Sunday night. Please pray that God will bless and save many souls. Pray for me that I may live humble.—A sister, Miss Catherine Phillips, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Marietta, Ohio Dist. Conv'n.

Surely the Marietta, Ohio district convention held June 25-27 at Marietta will long be treasured in the hearts of those who attended. From the very first song it was evident the Lord was with us and sweet unity and fellowship prevailed throughout the entire convention. Brother C. B. Huff, pastor of the local church, warmly welcomed us with an inspiring address which found a response not only in the hearts of Brother Janet Wilfong and Sister Miller but in every breast. Brother B. A. Scarboro, pastor of the church at Letart Falls, delivered a wonderful message.

As we gathered back for service Saturday morning we found that the Lord was with us again. Our hearts rejoiced as we sang the good songs of Zion and prayed. The first message was brought by the writer. This was followed by a sermon by Brother Clarence Martin. This was a good message. At two o'clock we assembled again for business and reports of the churches. This was all done in a spirit of love and meekness. We enjoyed two good messages during the evening service. Brother Weddle of Uhrichsville, spoke to us which was very good. Brother McCain, pastor of the church at Parkersburg, W. Va., followed with a message which was very enlightening.

After Sunday School Sunday morning Sister Phillips, wife of our state overseer, spoke on missions, after which an offering amounting to over ten dollars was taken. At this time our state overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips, brought a message. This was a burning message. In the afternoon we again enjoyed the sweet presence of God as the good songs began to ring out. Our dear Brother Haynes found us with some good selections and the Lord surely blessed both him and us. Brother A. T. Burge delivered a message which was very needful. Sister Haynes brought a wonderful sermon. We were glad to have Sister Wiggins of South Florida with us and we certainly enjoyed the good songs she sang for us. She is now engaged in a revival at Williamstown, W. Va. God is wonderfully blessing, many are being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed. At the beginning of the evening service we enjoyed many good testimonies, after which Brother Phillips preached.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Haynes, our former state overseer and wife, with us and certainly enjoyed their good music and timely instructions. They were so faithful to us when they served the state and they are always welcome guests in our midst. May the Lord help us to stand true is our prayer.—Sister Maymie West, R. F. D. 7, Marietta, Ohio.

Louisville, Ky. Dist. Y. P. E. Convention

June 19-21 at Mitchel Hill, Ky., a district Y. P. E. convention convened, with Brother L. S. Cooper, our state Y. P. E. superintendent, in charge. The Lord's approval was upon each service. We enjoyed the privilege of having Brother Cooper visit our district for the first time and he seemed pleased with our work here. We feel that our church and our Y. P. E. work in general have been blessed by this convention.

The Louisville church was well represented and put on a splendid program on Sunday afternoon in charge of their able president, Brother Alfred Thompson, and group leaders.

We have a good band of workers here at Mitchel Hill and have been holding the state banner for three successive months. Pray for our work.—Charline Lockard, secretary and treasurer, 3125 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, Ky.

Bluefield, Va. District Report

We have had an excellent year of service so far. Brother M. T. Langford is our district pastor. He has had many things to adjust since coming here. We have at this time, no doubt, the best order ever known in this country and it is becoming more effective. There is a good spirit of unity and fellowship and a good revival spirit over the district among the saints. There has been a large number saved and sanctified and a goodly number baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed. There have been some churches set in order and I believe others are to soon follow.

As far as I know this has been one of our best financial years and the most mission money has been raised this year that has ever been raised. The churches on this district are doing fine and there has been a large number added to the church.

Brother Lankford held a meeting in December at Dunford Town, a church of five members, now there are twenty-five. He is our pastor with an assistant pastor. God is wonderfully blessing the church. I don't suppose there is ever a Sunday night service at any time that we are able to seat all the people. Brother Lankford really knows how to pastor a church by the wisdom of God and is a fine Bible teacher. The conferences that he holds are filled with the power and Spirit of God. There was shouting in his last conference meeting. He is a man that looks to God in prayer and he waits upon God and depends upon Him to work out and to adjust and fix those things that are beyond his power to fix.

Our district convention was held June 8, 9 with Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, moderating. Tuesday night serv-

ice the welcome address was given by Brothers Richard Meade. Brother A. J. Cox preached a subject of his own choice. God really blessed in the service. Wednesday afternoon short talks were given by the ministry and members. God gave us a feast from heaven then a fine lunch was served. In the evening service God gave us another feast. Brother Dorman preached a message which was very effective and greatly enjoyed. Brother Dorman is well liked in this country. The people like to hear him preach and I hope he will come back to Dunford Town and hold us a revival in the near future. Pray that God will continue to bless us here.—Helen Hagy, district clerk, Rt. 1, North Tazewell, Va.

A New Church in Chester, South Carolina

CHESTER, S. C.—We had our opening service in our new church in Chester, S. C. Sunday, July 18. It was not dedicated because our state overseer was out West helping our General Overseer, but we had a wonderful time. God was in our midst and the Holy Ghost was with us in a wonderful way. We had good singing and good music. Brothers J. W. Hannah of Great Falls, White of Lando, Powell of Honea Path, Troy Belk of Lando and Sister Maggie Martin of Blacksburg were the speakers of the day. Sister Margaret Jacobs of Rock Hill took up an offering. Brother Linwood Jacobs of Rock Hill, our good district overseer, put on a program with the help of his members. The title of the play was "A Remarkable Incident" and it brought tears to many eyes and God surely did bless.

Our church will seat about three hundred fifty people comfortably and I am sure we had five hundred people in the afternoon. We had dinner on the ground with plenty of good things to eat.

We thank God for what He has done for us here. We thank the furniture companies here for giving us chairs and a table for our church and a scarf for the bookstand. We thank the ones who gave flowers. It was said by many that there would not be a Church of God built here. We have it finished and it is just as nice as any Church of God of its kind. It is worth \$1500.00 and it is about half paid for. Thanks be to God. Pray much for us here.—Your brother, J. C. Green, pastor.

Home Coming at Shooting Creek, N. C.

On Sunday, May 30, we had our home coming at Shooting Creek, N. C. Church of God. We can truly boast in the Lord in saying it was a great day. The people started gathering in the early morning and the house was soon filled to over-

flowing with a large congregation of people in the yard. A number of good speakers were on the program and each one seemed to be at his best. The singing was good, quartets were rendered by the Church of God Orphanage quartet and the Rainbow quartet of Cleveland, Tenn.

At noon a delicious dinner was spread and all enjoyed a feast. The co-operation of the ladies in preparing the dinner was really commendable and I'm sure God will richly reward each one for her untiring efforts in this phase of work.

The Lord blessed in a wonderful way during the entire day. The saints from many of the neighboring churches were present to enjoy the great blessings. The singing rendered by the South Cleveland Church of God choir was greatly enjoyed. The Lord is blessing the church at Shooting Creek and we're trying to hold high the banner of our King.—Humbly, Irene M. Davenport.

Great Results Obtained

CRICHTON, Ala. — Dear Evangel readers, we surely thank and praise God for His wonderful power. We are so glad that we really know God is still on the throne, still hears and answers when we call upon Him. God has been so wonderful and real, it pays to trust Him and stand on the promises of God.

We are very small in number here, just a few members, but we believe we are going over the top. Our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Ernest Wilson, are so consecrated to God, they are working and striving to do their best for God and His Church. They are so humble and God surely has blessed and we are looking for greater things ahead than have ever been in the past.

We praise and thank God for sending Brother Wilson this way. He has been here a few months but we see great results. We ask every child of God to earnestly pray that God will continue to bless. We are starting a revival Sunday and desire the prayers of everyone that souls will find Jesus.—Your sisters in Christ, Mamie Hebert and Viola Broadus.

Y. P. E. Organized

PERDIDO, Ala.—The Perdido Church of God organized a Y. P. E. July 18, 1937. We had fourteen members the first night. We thank God for our president, Sister Marie Shipp, and our co-worker, Sister A. G. Phillips. We sowed good seed in four of our members' hearts the first night. These four, under sixteen years of age, came to the altar. We thank God for them. Pray much that our weak efforts will be a help in God's cause. We need your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Willie Grace Wilson.

REVIVALS

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—A revival just closed here. Brother E. B. Culpepper of Georgia was with us and brought some wonderful messages. At times the power of God would fall and there would be great rejoicing and manifestations of His Spirit. There were not many visible results in this meeting but good seed were sown and we trust will soon bring forth a harvest of souls. There is a young sister here who is deaf and dumb and the Lord gave her the Holy Ghost during this meeting. It was wonderful to see the power of God on her. She shouted and danced in the Spirit of the Lord. We enjoyed having Brother Culpepper in our home during the revival. His prayerful and sacred life was an inspiration to us. We ask the prayers of God's children that the Lord will bless the church in Bonne Terre, also all the churches on this district.—John O. Yates, district overseer.

CRAMERTON, N. C. — We just closed a revival at our church which was a wonderful uplift and blessing to the members. I believe each one is more determined to live closer to the Lord and fight harder than ever before, that this good cause may rise far above the beggerly elements of this world.

Still better there was a goodly number converted and about twenty sanctified, several received the Holy Ghost and fifteen united with the church to help us fight the enemy and await the coming of the Lord. Brother G. C. Hamby did the preaching which was wonderful and the sweet presence of the Holy Ghost was so real. Brother Hamby surely is a good consecrated man and fully believes in letting the Spirit have pre-eminence. We all love our pastor and think he is just the man for this place. He surely does know the Word and how to feed the flock. We are constrained at times to glorify God while he feeds us on the meat as well as the milk of the Word. He certainly has proven himself to be a man of concern. He worked so hard in building our new church and proved himself to be a good pilot by the help of the Lord. We praise the Lord for our new church building and the one He sent to help us bear the burden.

The enemy is taking on extra force to try to discourage the newly converted ones. Please pray that he will be defeated in this and everyone of these dear children will be filled with the Spirit.—J. M. Green, clerk, Box 75, Lowell, N. C.

GRAHAM, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers, we praise God for His goodness to us. He is blessing so wonderfully in each service at the Graham church. We have enjoyed two real revivals this year—one in February during which time fourteen were saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. Brother Lee Shires and Brother H. N. Bridges did the preaching in this revival. Then again in May Brother L. C. Pennington and wife came and held a revival for us. Seventeen were filled with the Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak in tongues, nine were added to the church, twenty-one baptized in water. We are truly thankful for the twenty-four new members and of that number fourteen are men. Oh, how thankful we are for them. Whole families are getting the blessing and being added to the church. Surely Jesus is getting us ready for His soon coming and we really want to be found ready and we realize we will have to be found doing our very best for Him if we will be worthy of that glad trip through the air to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. I surely don't want to miss that great time. We desire the prayers of all the Church of God that we will be channels through which God can bless hungry hearts. May God bless each one striving to live for Him.—Humbly, Mrs. L. A. Baker, 600 Pecan St.

VERDA, Ky.—About five weeks ago Brother Howard Robbins ran us a meeting of about ten days. Two were saved and at the regular services souls still came to the altar, so in about a week we decided to start the revival again with Sister Sodie Gibson and Sister Bell Black in charge. Sister Black didn't get to stay all through the meeting but Sister Gibson stayed with us for two weeks.

During those two weeks six were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and six came into the Church of God. Most everyone who got saved took fellowship with the Church of God.

Sunday, July 11, we had baptizing. The church has been greatly built up. Everyone pray that each one of us will keep on working and do our best for God. My desire is to be on the job and not be caught dragging about when Christ our Lord shall come.—George L. Cravens, local pastor, Ages, Ky.

FONDE, Ky.—A revival closed at the Church of God, Fonde, Ky., with Brother T. M. McClendon, state overseer, in charge. Souls were saved under his wonderful messages. We believe more would have been saved if he could have stayed

longer. I believe there will be more who will get saved here. His preaching seems to ring on. We are having good meetings and expecting greater ones. We would like to have Brother McClendon to hold us another revival before the Assembly. We learned to love him and his family.

I thank the Lord for giving us a good pastor like Brother B. H. Enix. He is a wonderful man of God. He has great influence here with both saints and sinners.—Mrs. A. J. Lowe, clerk.

KENTWOOD, La.—We have just closed a week's meeting with our state overseer, Brother R. E. Blackwood, doing the preaching. Two were saved and the saints very much encouraged. We earnestly covet your prayers for the church here. We are going to try to be one hundred per cent in every way. I don't believe I ever worked with a more willing people than Kentwood church.—F. M. Fitzgerald, pastor.

HONEA PATH, S. C.—I praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for blessing me and calling me out in the work. I went to Ninety Six, S. C. and preached three weeks and the Lord surely blessed. Eight were saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and a new church was set in order with fourteen members by Brother Johnson and Brother Childers. Pray lots for me that I will be a faithful soldier of the cross.—Your sister in Christ, Emma Sullivan.

EDINBURG, Tex.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here in the Rio Grand Valley with Brother W. W. Smethers, our pastor, in charge. Five were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and one added to the church. Please pray that God will continue to bless here and pray for the Y. P. E. that it will get on fire for the Lord. Love and best wishes to all the Church of God workers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Viola (Richter) Yancey, clerk.

MEADVILLE, Miss. — Byrds Chapel Church of God has just closed a revival which began June 23 and ended July 7 with Brother and Sister Ainsworth of Trinity, Tex. doing the singing and preaching. His messages stirred the hearts of the people. At times there would be twenty at the altar seeking the Lord, there being a number saved and sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Brother Horace Taylor, our pastor, and the district pastor was with us part of the time and helped us. Thanks to the good Lord for

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God is Undertaking For Me

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—Dear ones in Christ, I am still thanking Jesus for His love, for hearing and answering prayer. I called for prayer through the Evangel and God is undertaking for me. I am beginning to see things that I haven't seen for three years. I cannot see them plainly but as though I were looking through smoke. Keep praying, I know He is able. My husband has gone to Memphis to tell the doctor that I am not going back in August like I was supposed to. God gave me these eyes and if He sees fit to completely restore them He is able and can, and will.

God has touched my body twice this week and if He can heal sore lungs, He can heal blind eyes. He is the same One who used to heal the people. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer for me, if you feel led. I am hoping you will come to Sharps Chapel again sometime as I believe God wants to show some one very dear to me that God can heal through your prayers. I ask everyone to pray for me that I will stand true and be a soul winner for God. That is my desire, to be able to say or do something for God that would cause souls to turn to Him before it is too late. Don't forget to pray for my companion, God is working with him if the enemy doesn't find some way to turn him away.—Your sister in Christ, Nellie Davis, Rt. 1, Box 107.

God is With Us

HARRISON, Idaho.—Dear saints, we live a long way from The Church of God, but God is here and we trust Him for our healing. I am nine years old and can't remember of taking any medicine. Last winter I had the flu. Mother and sister prayed for me and I was wonderfully healed.—Leanna Carnegey, Box 165.

Good Work at Bartow, Fla.

BARTOW, Fla.—Dear saints of God everywhere, I am glad to try to tell what the Lord has done for me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell it, so He wonderfully healed me. Glory to God. I never can tell of what the Lord has done for me. Truly I want to serve Him and fully trust Him for everything.

This testimony would not be complete without thanking the Lord for our pastor and his wife. Truly they are laborers together with God. God has wonderfully blessed the Church of God here at Bartow.

I must also say a word about our former pastor and wife, Brother and Sister V. D. Combs. You know Paul said, I planted, Apollos watered but God giveth the increase. So Brother Combs

started the good work and Brother Alex Duncan, our pastor now, is finishing it. We also have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. God is surely blessing. Praise His dear name. Pray for us.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Sallie Watson, 460 Hooper Terrace.

Accepted Fellowship in the Church

COFFEEVILLE, Kans.—Wife and I attended the camp meeting and state convention which have just closed and had a wonderful time in the Lord. While we were almost strangers in the meeting yet we were made to feel like one of them, and we liked it so well that we both accepted their fellowship and are now one with you.

I have been a full gospel minister for a number of years, ordained in the Christian Messengers, an organization founded to preach the gospel which was once delivered unto the saints, praise God, but I believe we can do better work by working together and that is part of my mission in the gospel—trying to get the ministry together. What a wonderful work we could do for the Lord in these closing days if we would all pull together.

My wife and I request prayer that God will have His way with us and use us for His own glory.—Yours in Jesus' name, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Long.

REQUESTS

Dear brothers and sisters please pray for the healing of my body. I have tuberculosis. I want God's will to be done. I am in a sanatorium at this time. I am improving for which I thank my God. Pray that I will be drawn closer to Jesus and be willing to be used for any purpose. Please remember my unsaved father also.—A sister in Christ, Miss Edna Murvin, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 4, also Sanatorium, N. C.

Dear saints, please help me pray for my three sons. Two of them are backsliders and one has never been saved. Pray that God will touch their hearts before it is too late. Pray much for us.—Sister Mary A. Athur, Kew Turks Island, B. W. I.

Dear readers, please pray for me. I am in bed sick, have not been expected to live for three days. Heart trouble, grief and trouble in the home have caused it, and I know God is able to move every power of the enemy. I know the dear old Church of God has some real praying people who can really pray the prayer of faith, so I ask you not to wait but pray. We are out here out of service of any kind. If anyone feels like writing me and has some old Evangelists they could send, I would

appreciate it. I love the Church, its teachings and members and feel lost without the Evangel but God is able to deliver and fix things so we can be in church again. Also pray for my backslidden family.—A sister needing help, Dillie Clement, Durham, Okla.

Dear saints, I am very sick and may have to go to the hospital. I ask everyone who knows God to pray a special prayer that God will heal me and a way will be opened for me to get to service. I am a member of the Church of God and believe in divine healing. I have refused taking medicine, I am completely trusting God for the healing of my body. Please pray a special prayer that God will change my husband some way or somehow, I know He can do all things.—Your sister, Eula Cunningham, Winding Gulf, W. Va.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for my husband who has backslidden. Our home is being wrecked. Please pray a special prayer for our home and that God will save my husband again. He is out of work at present. Pray that God will supply our needs.—A friend, Sanford, Fla.

Going to Stay With the Church

ROSICLARE, Ill.—To the brethren everywhere, greetings. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother Eldon Brayfield. Our church has been organized only a short while. We need the prayers of the saints everywhere. There were at first eleven of us but four have pulled out for the free way, but as for me, I will stay with the Church of God, with her government, thank the Lord, as I feel that is the only way.

I have just heard the Church of God broadcast from Harrisburg, Ill. and I could feel the presence of the Lord in the message and song. The state camp meeting has been a great success. Oh, how the presence of God could be felt in those early sunrise meetings. It was glory indescribable. Thank the Lord. Every saint of God pray for Brother Thomas, our precious state overseer, that the Lord will keep him physically strong so he can carry all the burdens of all the churches. Thank the Lord for Brother Thomas, Sister King and all other pastors and saints everywhere. Send up a petition in my behalf that I may receive the promise or blessing. I covet the prayers of the great Evangel family. Peace be with you all. Amen.—Arnold J. Irby.

The person who loves his neighbor as himself is made perfect in love and would make a good sample in God's show-windows.

REVIVALS

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yet extending the time until new souls can be born into the kingdom. The revival closed with seekers in the altar, there being eight added to the church. Pray for us.—Alton Temple, clerk.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—We thank the Lord for the way He blessed in a revival that came to a close Sunday night here at Raleigh. Brother Butler, our pastor, and Brother Lee did the preaching. Several were saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The work here is growing, our Sunday School has almost doubled the last two months, for which we thank the Lord. We truly thank God for our pastor, Brother A. J. Butler, who is a faithful man of God and who has done a wonderful work here. Pray much for the work here that it will continue to grow.—A brother in Christ, E. W. Salmon, clerk.

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WALLINS CREEK, Ky.—We praise God for the great revival He gave us at Twila, the best I have seen in sometime. God surely did bless in every part of the service. Brother Ivan Stone of Tennessee did the preaching. His sermons were powerful and full of fire. The revival was in progress four weeks during which time twenty were saved, six sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven baptized in water. We are looking for a goodly number to come in the church at a later date. The revival spirit is still in our midst without any preaching. Twenty came to the altar; one was saved, one sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We wish Brother Stone much success in the work of the Lord. Please pray for us that we can keep the fire burning in our hearts for God.—Edd Cox, pastor.

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BAYARD, W. Va.—I am really glad to report the revival which closed here last night with Brother D. B. Hatfield doing the preaching and Brother W. H. Ward in charge of the singing and prayer services, assisted by Brother Raymond Callahan. It was really a great success. The saints are greatly encouraged and a number were saved, sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. I think Brothers Hatfield, Ward and Callahan are as fine boys as I ever worked with. They rendered good service. Brother Hatfield is a real, God-sent man and preached under the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost and his preaching was accepted and I feel that the results will long be felt at this place.

We had a wonderful service yesterday morning after which we marched out to

the spring on the river bank and had another service, the stringed band making music and singing, after which we had dinner. After dinner the march continued to the river where Brother John Kile of Petersburg preached on "Water Baptism" and Brother Hatfield baptized the candidates. Returning to the church we administered the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The power of God came down in a wonderful way and there was shouting and talking in tongues. Eternity alone will reveal all the good that was accomplished in this revival.—Humbly, W. I. Bass, pastor.

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MARIETTA, S. C.—The revival closed at Jones Hill Church of God Sunday night, July 4, conducted by Brothers Loyd Hunt and Lonnie McIntyre of Greenville, S. C.

The Lord worked here in a mighty way. How we saints did work, fast, and pray that souls would be born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. We would go and speak to the sinners about the welfare of their souls and some would even laugh in our faces, others walked out of the church crying but still they wouldn't accept Jesus.

We sure enjoyed having Brothers Hunt and McIntyre and their families with us. It was food to our souls. We thank them lots for coming and helping us out. I am sure our pastor, Brother L. D. McConnell, enjoyed having them also. We are planning to have another revival soon. I request special prayer for our church. It is a new church. Saints, if you know the worth of prayer, please pray for us. Pray that God will send a revival to Jones Hill Church of God as has never before been here.—Roy Freeman, Rt. 2, Box 65, Marietta, S. C.

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THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We just closed a revival in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. We feel much good has been done. Brother Clyde Atkins of Barnardsville church did the preaching. His messages were with great power. We can't tell how much good has been accomplished. The people are still talking of the good messages. We have a good band of people here, some are lowly in everything and they love God's Church. Remember us much in prayer.—M. H. Lamb, pastor.

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We just closed a two weeks' meeting at Whiteside, Tenn. We had a very good meeting. Some prayed through. Brother Floyd Irwin and I did the preaching. Brother Towns is pastor here, and he is a man of God. We are at this writing in Slygo, Ga. just over the Tennessee-Georgia line, near Morganville, Ga. in a meet-

ing. It is just getting in good swing. Some are praying through. This is a new place. Pray for the meeting here.—Brother J. S. Douglas.

He Will Provide For You

FOXWORTH, Miss.—How I praise my heavenly Father because He has done so much for me. Thank God, I'm filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, also have the gift of tongues! God is really blessing and pouring out His Spirit. I'm a member of the Church of God. I haven't had this experience but three and one-half years.

In April (I don't remember the exact date), Brother Rouse came to Mt. Sinai as requested by a man and in obedience to God he came in Jesus' name. He prayed for my baby. In the year of 1929 my son, Juel Price, jumped from the barn and broke a bone in his foot. We had never had a doctor to see about it but he got to where he suffered with it until he couldn't sleep at night. He hopped. Where the bone was broken a place came which looked just about like an ankle bone on his foot. At times he couldn't wear leather shoes at all. Thank God, today it is sound and well. I'm giving God the praise. Praise God.

I take the Evangel and see where different ones write that they don't live where they can go to church. Dear brothers and sisters wherever you are, remember God is there too. Go on your knees and look to Him. He will provide for you. We can live the life anywhere if we have no other god before us. Listen saints, are we living every day just as though we were looking for Jesus every moment? Are we a foolish or wise virgin? God help us to live the life, not claim one thing and live another.

I have an unspoken request which I want you to please pray for.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. G. A. Price.

Thank the Lord for New Church Building

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. While the enemy is raging there's a deep settled peace in my soul undisturbed by the enemy. After so long the Lord has blessed us with a new church building for which we praise Him. I thank the Lord for everyone who has labored and donated for the worthy cause, also for the many prayers that have gone up in our behalf. May the Lord bless and keep them.

We have a good pastor on fire for the Lord and we love him. Pray for the Lord to have His way in our lives and that there will be a revival in this town before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Maggie Gilmer.

HEAVEN

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the lions and wade in innocent blood and not suffer for their crimes? Shall the Son of God be crucified and not be exalted? Justice steps in and has a word to say.

5. I believe there is a heaven because God says there is. I would rather have God's Word about anything than all the opinions of all the philosophers and scientific dignitaries in the world and especially when they try to tell me something that conflicts with God's Holy Word and try to make me believe that God meant something else other than what He plainly said.

Jesus had a good deal to say about heaven and what He talked a great deal about we surely have a right to preach about. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Also He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." He said, "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Then in Hebrews we read, "We have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Then, I guess these five reasons given should be enough to convince us that there is a heaven.

HEAVEN IS A PLACE

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Cannon Farrar wrote a book once and called it "Eternal Hope." It is long on surmise and short on logic. He says, "Heaven is to be something rather than 'to go somewhere.'" Well, it is to be something. It is a condition. Sure, it is a state of mind and heart, but it is more. If Jesus went anywhere, He must have gone somewhere. He could not go nowhere. Then, where is nowhere? Heaven is a place. Of course you could not be in a place without being in a condition. I am sure the condition you are in is more important than the place and it would be better for a man to be in hell if he could keep the proper spirit than to be in heaven and have the mind of the devil in him. Some people would not be fit for heaven if they were allowed to get in. "I go to prepare a place for you." That is what He said. "In my Father's house are many mansions," and they are just as real as your home down here and you can trust God to make good on His promise.

HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE

Some may say, "Well, He will have to prepare a big place." I say, Well He has plenty of room. We think this old earth is a tremendous big place and it is, looking at it from a human point of view, but it is so small in God's realm, it is a wonder He has not forgotten it. If you could take an auger and bore a hole into the sun and pour 1,200,000 earths like this one into it you would still have room for 4,900,000 moons to lie around the inside edge. That is tremendous, but some of the fixed stars like Alpha Centaura are five times larger than the sun. Science claims

that Neptune is twenty-five times larger than this earth in which we live. He's close to three billion miles away and you cannot see him unless you climb Mt. Hamilton and look through the Lick telescope or go to Lake Geneva and point that powerful Yerkes telescope with its forty-inch diameter lens at him. Well, if that is true, how large do you suppose that beautiful star, Lyra, is which is 100,000 times farther away than Neptune? and too you can see it with your naked eye. God has plenty of space. How far away do you suppose the sun is? If you could charter a fast train and hit it off at a clip of sixty miles an hour, it would take you 177 years to get to the sun. Figure it out and it makes the sun 93,000,000 miles from where we are now. Some distance! But listen, there is Mercury nearest to the sun, whizzing around her orbit at the rate of 109,000 miles an hour. They say the closer to the sun they are, the faster they go. No speed limit up there, and the General Traffic Manager is on to his job—they do not have any smash-ups.

Then in the evening, if you will look in the Southwest you will see Venus. He is called the most beautiful star seen by the naked eye and he is about 35,000,000 miles farther out than Mercury. He swings around the sun once in 224 days and when he gets on the other side he is nearly twice as far from the earth as is the sun. They claim Jupiter is three times as large as all the other planets put together. He is 1,250 times larger than the earth, but turns on his axis every ten hours, that is forty-seven miles a second. Going some, isn't it? If you lived in Jupiter and wanted to go to the sun and you could charter a fast train and run fifty miles an hour, it would take you nine centuries to get there. Well, you say, that is some distance! Oh no. Saturn, they say, is 790,000,000 miles from the earth at the nearest point. They say the shell from a thirteen-inch gun travels at the rate of fifteen miles a minute, and if a modern gun could fire a projectile far enough at that rate, it would take it 111 years to drop down on the shores of that far away prodigious luminary.

Then, there is Uranus, 81 times larger than the earth and more than twice as far away as Saturn, 1,800,000,000 miles.

It is claimed if you could take an aeroplane and sail 100 miles an hour it would take you 3,000 years to get to Neptune. He is 2,780,000,000 miles away. You do not know how much a billion is. If you would count 100 a minute, it would take you nineteen years to count a billion, counting day and night. Ah, God is not cramped for room. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions."

Neptune is nearly 3,000,000,000 miles away, but Alpha Centaura is 250,000

times farther away than the sun and the North Star is fourteen times farther away than Alpha Centaura. If you had an aeroplane system operating to the North Star and you paid 2 1-2 cents a mile, it would only cost you eight trillion, nine hundred billion dollars, and making 100 miles an hour, which is very easy for an aeroplane, it would take you 409,000,000 to arrive there.

The light from Alpha Centaura is four years old when it gets to us and light travels at the rate of 192,000 miles a second. Talk about room, in my Father's house are many mansions. Who conceived all this and brought it into existence? God. It is disgusting to hear some little old "yellow-livered, pigmy, puny, pusillanimous infidel disputing about God's work and what God cannot do. Hush up, don't want to hear your racket.

For all the millions that have died and all the millions that will die, God has plenty of room.

In Revelation it states that an angel took the measurement of heaven and he said it was 12,000 furlongs—the length, height and breadth of it are equal. That is nearly 8,000,000 feet, and if you cube that you will get 512 quintillion feet. Then, if the world stood for 100,000 years and has a billion people dying off every generation, that would only make 300 trillion people and that would give every one fifty-six feet of room each way. If that was not large enough God could send His surveying angel out and throw His boundary line around a few sextillion acres more.

HEAVEN IS BEAUTIFUL

God made it beautiful. The Bible does not go into detail, but it tells us enough to let us know that beauty in heaven has reached its perfection. God loves beauty, or He would not have put so much of it in this world. Who painted the butterflies' wings with all those gorgeous hues and threw around the evening sun her drapery of a thousand colors? Who put the red on the robins' breast? From whose pastel were the colors mixed that gave the rose its blushing charm and touched the lily with its dreamy white? Who taught the raindrop to take a ray of light from heaven's shining orb and pencil it on the sky in one huge arch of bewildering elegance? God did it all. He made everything beautiful and only sin has marred it, but in heaven you will find God's beauty at its best. The fairest vision on earth, all of her enrapturing scenery, all her matchless music and all her sweetest fragrance are but the faintest indications possible of the ineffable and entrancing beauty that shall greet us everywhere as we enter and dwell in that celestial city whose builder and maker is God.

John got a glimpse of it one day from

his lonely island and tried to tell us about it, but the best he could do was to use a few symbols our poor little minds could understand, and he said the walls are of jasper, the foundations garnished with precious stones, every gate a pearl and the city is of pure gold. Every gate a pearl! Who doesn't go into ecstasy over the lustre of a perfect pearl? W. E. Biederwolf said he heard one day, while in Philadelphia, that a certain firm carried a fine selection of pearls so he got an introduction to the fellow who could show them to him and asked to see the finest they had in stock. He states the fellow took him through a big iron gate and laid one on the palm of his hand about the size of a bullet. After gazing at it in amazement he asked how much it was worth. The man replied, "\$7,000." Think what a wonderful thought—the gates of that city are all pearl and one glad day, if you and I will be true to Jesus, those gates of pearl will swing open and the angels that stood on the balcony of heaven and serenaded a new-born world wrapped in swaddling clothes of light in the dawn of God's creation, will sing a song of welcome as we sweep through.

There was a little girl who was blind from her birth, and only knew of the beauties of earth from her mother's lips. A noted surgeon worked on her eyes and at last his operations were successful. As the last bandage was removed, she sprang into her mother's arms and then to the window and the open door and as the glories of earth rolled into her vision she ran screaming back to her mother and said, "O Mamma, why didn't you tell me it was so beautiful?" The mother wiped the tears of joy from her eyes and said, "My precious child, I tried to tell you, but a couldn't do it." Maybe when you and I go sweeping through those gates of pearl and catch a glimpse of the wondrous beauty of that eternal white city we will hunt up old Brother John and say, "John, why didn't you tell us how beautiful it was?" And John will say, "I tried to when I wrote the 21st and 23rd chapters of the last book of the Bible, after I got my vision, but I couldn't do it."

Now this is the heaven that God has prepared for you and for the poorest of them that believe on Him. He has made it beautiful.

IT IS COMFORTABLE

This old world of ours would be a very fine place if there were not so many things in it that curse and blight and damn it. God might transfer His headquarters and bring His angels down if it were not for that, but in heaven all things are known.

There will not be any Mondays up in heaven. It will all be one long Sab-

bath. The pass of Glencroe in Scotland is reached by a long, steep, tiresome road, but at the end is a sign "Rest and be thankful." That is what you will find at the end of the way that leads to heaven. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." There will not be any grinding toil; no tired shoulders will stoop beneath heavy burdens; our loved ones will not go down in the coal mines and often be brought back to us before the day is done, a mass of broken or charred, lifeless flesh. There will be no more dirty, foul sweat shops where poor widows will have to toil and suffer in foul air and dim light to get bread for their children; rising early and toiling all day, wearing out their lives without any intermission of joy or happiness. Thank God, "toil" and "want" and "misery" are words that heaven cannot spell.

There will be no trouble in heaven. The first thing you do when you are born is to cry, and the last thing you do when you die is to groan, but death cannot enter that City of God. There is no death there, said John, neither crying nor sorrow. God shall wipe all tears from their eyes. We shall never have to stand by mute and helpless and see our loved ones suffer until they can suffer no more and then fold their thin tired hands and leave us. No sad good-byes in heaven. Wilberforce asked Robert Hall for his idea of heaven. The great preacher replied: "Heaven is rest," and you know Robert Hall was a great sufferer. His poor body was racked and tortured in the ruthless grip of a vicious disease and to his poor pain-racked body, rest more than anything else would be heaven to him.

"And there shall be no more death." Rev. 21:4. Thank God, the undertaker will not come and screw down the coffin lid and put the cold, lifeless form of our loved one in the hearse and head the sad procession to the burying ground; hang the crepe on the door: a mute reminder that death has visited our home and ruthlessly taken that we loved out of our arms and away from our fireside, and, as we stand by the deep, narrow resting place as the body is lowered into it, grim despair seems to grip our hearts and we weep in vain, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, in heaven we will never witness such scenes as this. The grave digger's shovel is forever laid away. There are no graveyards on the hills of God's eternal glory; no alms houses; no insane hospitals; no grim prison to remind us that some one has sinned, and behind those awful doors and windows of steel and iron there are hearts and lives that are sad and blighted forever; no electric chair will hold its terror-stricken victim as the awful current hisses through their

veins and sends them into eternity, "For the former things are passed away," said John the Revelator.

IT IS A PLACE OF INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITY

Sir Isaac Newton with his profound mind, has long ago stopped picking up pebbles and has gone down to the very bottom of the unexplored ocean of truth that one time stretched out before him. Tennyson is singing in loftier strains and Herchel is busy exploring the stars of the new heavens that appeared when the old passed away.

Heaven is a place of never-tiring thought. No stagnation there, and you can learn as much there in a day as you can learn here in a year. The best and brainiest men know very little here, but up there our faculties will be quickened and intensified and all the pages of knowledge will unroll before us.

Some of us have been so unfortunate as to not be able to get an education here, possibly too poor, or too stupid; but up there God will touch our dull minds into such intellectual acumen that we can grapple with the infinite mysteries of the universe, for "now we see through a glass dimly, but then face to face," said Paul. And what a reception up there! Did you ever attend one? I never have, but I expect to some day. At that reception up there, there will not be any idle gossip about your neighbor, no sham respectability and a lot of nonsense like goes on down here sometimes. The society up there is going to be very select. There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." This old world would be a fine place to live in if it were not for some people who are here. Here you have backbiters and "bitebackers," gossipers, liars and meddlers, but in heaven you do not. Here you have the avaricious and lewd and lustful. In heaven you do not.

I believe we will know each other there. Some people may not believe this, but I do. Paul says we shall know as we are known. I expect to go before wife does, (and I want to say right here, God surely gave me a help-meet, she has been just like a crutch under both arms), and when she comes on I expect to know her, and after I've seen Jesus, I'll look for her next.

I expect there will be some surprises for us when we get to heaven. We will be surprised to see some people we did not expect to see, and we will not see some people we did expect to see.

Heaven is an eternal place. The writer says, "Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Where is Nineveh and Babylon with their dazzling glory of other days? Gone and the wild beasts roam where their temples once

stood. Where is Rome that was once called the eternal city? Gone, gone, gone. But heaven is a city whose builder and maker is God and whose foundations shall never crumble away. There will be no end to its glory and beauty, and when we go in we go in to go out no more forever. Its ages will never end.

How can I make sure of heaven? We cannot afford to stop until we settle this. Do not make any mistake about the way. Jesus said, "I am the way." Then again He says, "I am the door." If you or I ever get there we will have to go by the way and in at the door, for He has said if a man climb up any other way he is the same as a thief and a robber.

Theosophy cannot save you; Christian Science cannot do it; Spiritualism is no good and Unitarianism, Universalism and Bahaism and all the rest of the isms, are failures. The only thing that will let you in is obedience to Jesus. Blessed are they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City. Rev. 22:14.

Over in one of our eastern cities was a railroad engineer who had been on the road for a good many years. He was addressing a crowd of men one day among whom were a good many railroad men. In closing his address he said, "Men, I can't begin to tell you what Jesus has meant to me. Years ago on every night when I would finish my run, I would pull open the whistle and sound a blast just as we came around the curve and I would look up to a small hill where stood a little white cottage and there would be a little old man and a little old woman. They'd wave back and as the engine would go shooting into the tunnel they would go back into the house. The little old woman would say to the little old man, 'Well, thank God, father, Bennie is safe home tonight.' But at last the day came when they took mother out and laid her away, and then each night as I came by and would sound the whistle, the little old man would walk slowly back into the house and say, 'Well, thank God, Bennie is safe home tonight.' But by and by the time came when we took father out and laid him by the side of mother and now when I give the blast on the whistle there is no one to welcome me home. But when my life's work is done and I make my last run and have pulled the throttle and the whistle the last time, as I draw near to heaven's gate, I know I shall see that same little old couple waiting there for me. As I go sweeping through the gate I will see my dear old mother turn to my dear old father and hear her say, 'Thank God, father, Bennie is safe home at last.'

Heaven is not far away. The miles are few and short, even for the youngest of

us. If for no other reason, then for this one, I would give my heart to Jesus now because it means a reunion, a meeting again with the loved ones on the other side of the dark valley through which we all must go. "I go to prepare a place for you." Let us make ready to go.

EDITORIALS

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Lord for those who will accept the full gospel and receive the indwelling Spirit, which is the Holy Ghost, and make ready for the return of the Lord, 1 Thess. 4: 13-17. This should be the goal of every Christian—to make this preparation and be able to escape all these things that are to come to pass and stand before the Son of man, Luke 21:34-37.

A Miracle of Healing

For quite a long while I've felt very much impressed to write my testimony concerning the miraculous healing wrought in my body by the power of God just one year ago this month. Surely the days of miracles are not passed as some would have us to believe. I'm so glad that our God never changes but is ever the same. Bless His great name. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13:8.

Last May after giving birth to a boy I became seriously ill with a kidney complication. We had a doctor and he did his best to restore my health, as far as medical skill was concerned, but the power to heal belongs to God. He suggested an operation, saying that was my only hope yet he said I was too weak to undergo an operation.

For ten long, weary weeks I battled against death. It really seemed that in spite of all I was just going to have to go. The saints all over the state of Michigan and many in other states were praying and crying unto God for my recovery as I had five small children who needed a mother's care. I took very little medicine but never once felt that it was doing me any good at all, for we had proved God too many times to doubt for a moment that His power to heal was not real. Brother Rouse came to see me while I was so bad and he asked me to throw the medicine away and put my case entirely in the hands of God. He prayed for me at that time but I didn't get results until I did obey and just commit myself into God's hands to live or die, just which ever He desired, and oh, when I did that the victory came. Oh glory, it doesn't seem but just a few short weeks since it all happened, it's so real. It pays to trust Jesus whatever the circumstances. He's Master of every situation.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and for-

get not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases," Psa. 103:2, 3. He is just as able to heal us of a serious illness as He is to heal a headache or some minor ailment. His wonderful healing power is not limited. Isn't that wonderful!

During the ten weeks of my illness I was on a diet the greater part of the time, some of the time I had no desire for food, but when God so marvelously touched my weak, thin body the first food I really desired was a hamburger with onions. The doctor would have immediately said No, but I ate one and a half and felt real good, nothing happened, for when God does something for us it is done. I was soon gaining my strength and weight and was able to attend the General Assembly. Oh the wonderful, miraculous healing power of God!

I was also healed of an affliction that had caused me much suffering for over six years. Since being healed last year I've never been bothered since. I'm writing this in hopes that some poor diseased, afflicted child of God will be encouraged to trust God wholly and entirely. Build your faith more in God for He alone is able to smite and rebuke every disease that might rack the human body. We were privileged to testify to the doctor and when he saw me looking so well and heard my testimony of how God had completely done the work he had to admit that a higher power than that of the human had undertaken for me.

This spring my oldest boy had scarlet fever and we were under quarantine for three weeks, but we trusted alone in Jesus and he came out one hundred per cent, so to speak, no complications from the disease whatever. So people of God, let's enjoy our Christian privileges by trusting God for our bodies as well as our souls. Remember Psa. 103:2, 3, "Who forgiveth all our iniquities and healeth all our diseases." I covet your prayers.—Mrs. J. S. Barnard, 685 Glover Ave., Detroit, Mich.

No one has ever become acquainted with his best friend until he has become acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ and knows Him by faith.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Texas (Weatherford)	Aug. 5-8
Kentucky (Somerset)	Aug. 20-22
Missouri	Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton)	New England States,
New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.	Sept. 1-7.
New York	Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia	Sept. 9
Oklahoma Camp Meeting (Maud),	July 19-25.
Arkansas	Aug. 13-15

Evangel Subscriptions As They Stood The First of August

We appreciate the interest that is being shown in the Evangel this year by the different state overseers and those cooperating with them. Some have been at a loss to know why the Evangel number did not hold up in their state after they had put forth efforts to secure renewals and new subscriptions. The mailing machine which we have now throws out the delinquent subscriptions as fast as they expire. It is the expired subscriptions which cause your numbers to fall below your expectations. If every one would renew his subscription as it expires the Evangel subscription list would take on new life. It seems hard to get it above seven or eight thousand.

Our last press run was 7,725 (including foreign subscriptions and rolls). The total number of subscriptions this month is 6,066, a gain of 330 over last month.

	Increase	Decrease	Total
Florida		46	822
N. Carolina	57		717
Georgia	17		512
S. Carolina	16		495
Alabama	20		407
Tennessee	1		292
Kentucky	35		277
W. Virginia	12		254
Mississippi		9	251
Texas		3	226
Virginia	29		164
Ohio	11		163
Missouri	26		146
Pennsylvania	7		145
Arkansas	7		144
N. Dakota	75		144
Illinois	8		113
Oklahoma	18		96
Michigan	30		92
Louisiana		3	86
Maryland	4		83
S. Dakota			64
California	1		54
New Mexico	1	2	50



	Increase	Decrease	Total
Montana	1		39
Kansas	1		33
Indiana	5		31
Maine			18
Nebraska	3		18
Minnesota	6		18
Idaho			14
Delaware	2		13
Arizona	3		13
Wyoming	3		10
Colorado	1		9
Iowa		3	7
Wash., D. C.			7
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Oregon		3	4
New Jersey			4
New Hampshire			4
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Wisconsin			3
Utah			3
Washington		1	2
Canada	1		2
Connecticut			1
Nevada			1
Vermont			1



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